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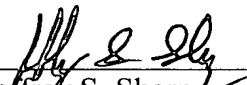
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of April 22, 2003 in which all elected claims (1-19, 41-62 and 76) stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b), 103(a), 112, second paragraph, and under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. Reconsideration of the rejection is solicited for the reasons set out below. This response is timely filed as a petition for a three-month extension of time to October 22, 2003 is submitted herewith.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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